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BALLABROOIE,
HIGH GROUND,
BANGALORE.

12th November 1918.

My dear Mirza,

In your letter of yesterday, you refer to my difficulties with Mr. Banerji. In view of the coming changes, I have no wish to seem small-minded.

But for a sample of the difficulties of the Dewan, I would invite attention to the enclosed letter from Mr. Banerji dated the 9th instant, a copy of which he may have already sent to you. The letter refers to the food supply scheme just sanctioned by His Highness. We have been discussing the food situation from week to week and, on my return from the recent tour, the question was discussed for 3 days in succession with a view to come to definite conclusions.

Mr. Banerji's objection was to the subject being collectively considered in Council and to the Dewan putting forward a scheme of his own. Till now, the subject was not included in his portfolio and it is impossible for the Dewan to consult Members both collectively in Council and severally in such urgent matters. With every wish to do so, one has no time to do any such thing.

There was nothing to prevent Mr. Banerji giving his views <u>which were constantly invited at the meetings</u> where they were all recorded by Secretaries. There was nothing to prevent his putting forward a scheme of his own if he had one. The scheme I put forward was not really my own but the collective views and wisdom of the Members of

Council themselves and of officers and leading men with whom I discussed in the six districts I visited as well as in Bangalore.

Will you very kindly return the letter when done - - with? You need not trouble to take nay action in regard to it. It is enough for you to know that after the meeting of the 9th instant he said he fully agreed with the scheme and no further action on his letter was necessary. The Government Order duly approved by His Highness has already issued.

Yours Very Sincerely
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